INLAND AND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Marcia Puc called this meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS: OTHER:

Mary Davis, Chair, Absent Wayne Zirolli, Borough Engineer

Sally MacKenzie, Secretary, Absent Sue Goggin, Secretary

Marcia Puc Public - 0

Tracy DeBarber Mark Bakstis

Lars Johnson, Alternate, Absent

- 1. Marcia Puc called this meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. She noted there was a quorum. She opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Executive session with Borough Attorney.

There was no executive session.

3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Long Meadow Pond Brook ERT Study

There was no new information on this item.

B. Commission discussion regarding an existing Commercial Outdoor Automobile Storage (IW#14-01) located at the Risdon Property, Arch Street, Scott Road, Andrew Avenue and Rubber Avenue; Applicant: A Better Way Wholesale Auto.

Sue said she had not been out there with the weather. The last time she was there the site looked good. The cars are parked in the proper places.

C. Commission discussion regarding notice of vegetative management by CL&P on selected electric rights-of-way in Naugatuck.

Marcia explained that the commission would like to write them a letter to express their concerns over the spraying. Marcia will draft a letter and send it to Sue as well as the other commissioners for their comments.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Commission discussion/decision regarding modification to approved plan for 406 Rubber Avenue (IW #14-11), Applicant: Thurston Energy

Attorney Fitzpatrick explained that after the site plan was approved by the wetlands commission on January 7, 2015 a new plan was submitted with minor modifications. The applicant had requested to come before the commission with the revisions. The zoning commission approved the new

plan dated 12/22/2014 and it would be best to have the same map approved by the wetlands commission as well, if they agree that the minor modifications will not have an effect on the wetlands. It was explained that the minor modification is to the shape of the rain garden. Carl LeFevre said the square footage of the rain garden remains the same. The commissioners compared the new map to the old map. There was a discussion over some of the other modifications. It was determined that the zoning commission had reviewed and approved the changes.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Tracy DeBarber and seconded by Mark Bakstis to **APPROVE** the modification to the site plan dated 12/22/14 for 406 Rubber Avenue (IW #14-11), Thurston Energy, with regard to the change to the rain garden.

B. Additional items require a 2/3 vote of the Commission.

There were no additional items.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

7. **WEO REPORT**

A. Autohaus Property, 393 Rubber Avenue (IW #08-08)

Sue said she sent them a letter to remove the cars and parts from the edge of the brook. She will do an inspection before the next meeting to see if they have complied.

B. Dmuchowski Property, 45 High Street

Sue said there is nothing new on this item. She and Wayne will continue to monitor it.

C. Naugatuck HS Renovation (IW#12-04) (Water quality testing results)

Attorney Fitzpatrick complimented the commission on their diligence in protecting Long Meadow Brook during the NHS renovation project, in particular the turf field. He said that their decision to require water quality testing was well founded. He said the results have concluded that there are no contaminants of concern. The improvements to the stormwater management plan have helped the quality as well. There was a discussion over rain gardens and bonding.

D. Chemical spraying of brush by street department.

Marcia explained to Mark that Jim Stewart had revised the map based on site visits to determine what could be excluded from the spraying. Mark expressed his concern over the spraying near the catch basins. He said the spraying is a direct contradiction with the Borough's new "green" policy. He asked if an herbicide is considered a pollutant as noted in the environmental pledge.

There was a discussion over the chemicals used. Sue will let Jim Stewart know of their concerns and invite him to the next meeting.

8. **Review/Approval** of the January 7, 2015 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Marcia noted that they were on the agenda at the Borough Board meeting to have their terms renewed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Tracy DeBarber and seconded by Mark Bakstis to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Sally MacKenzie, Secretary /sg